EUSA begins the internship placement process, by meeting with a student for an individual meeting (either in-person on their home campus or by telephone) to discuss their academic requirements for the placement, their career objectives, interests, and skills. Placement Managers will engage students in an honest discussion about placement opportunities, assess language skills, suggest changes to their resumes, and begin to set students’ expectations and understanding of the culture in which they will be working.

EUSA looks to our long-standing relationships with trusted internship supervisors as well as seeking out new placements to best match the needs of the individual student. We enjoy working with university students precisely because of their fresh perspectives, evolving interests and goals, which is reflected in the care and attention devoted to each individual placement.

Students will receive a provisional placement containing a placement description, sponsor website and previous student’s evaluations (when available), to prepare them for their on-site interview.

This match is based on EUSA’s assessment of the student’s skills, interests and goals, as well as our knowledge of a placement’s internship needs and work cycles.

When possible, provisional placements will be made prior to student departure from the US for the EUSA program. EUSA will secure placements for all students; however, the timing of the matching process depends on the individual profile and preferences articulated by the student and the performance of the student at the on-site interview.

Upon arrival in Europe, an on-site interview will be conducted with the student’s direct supervisor at the placement site. The provisional placement is always contingent upon the success of the on-site interview with the sponsor.

EUSA will monitor the placement experience and provide ongoing support and advice. Halfway through the placement, each student will complete a mid-term review to assess progress achieved at the workplace.

Upon completion of the placement, each sponsor will complete a sponsor evaluation to assess individual student performance. The EUSA internship team will collect these and provide copies to the appropriate university contact to be considered for part of the academic assessment.

EUSA has a well-established model of placing students and finding the best fit for both the student and the internship sponsor. All placements are academically-directed and result in credit granted by our educational partners.